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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6489

BILL NUMBER: HB 1670

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Wagering Tax Revenue Sharing.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Cherry

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill adds the purchase and installation of traffic control devices to the list of permissible uses of riverboat revenue sharing money.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill does not affect the amount of revenue sharing funds that local units will receive from the Riverboat Wagering Tax. However, the bill would permit local units to spend revenue sharing money to purchase and install traffic control devices.

Background: Current law requires \$33 M from the Riverboat Wagering Tax to be earmarked each fiscal year for the local revenue sharing program. This \$33 M annual total must be distributed on a per capita basis to counties not containing riverboat casinos, and to cities and towns in those counties. Under current law, the revenue sharing money received by local units is restricted to the following uses: (1) to reduce the property tax levy of the city, town, or county for a particular year; (2) for deposit in a special fund or allocation fund to provide funding for additional property tax replacement credits in TIFs; (3) to fund sewer and water projects; and (4) for police and fire pensions (up to an amount equal to 20% of the total revenue sharing money received by the local unit). In addition to these uses, this bill would permit local units to spend revenue sharing money to purchase and install traffic control devices.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties without riverboat casinos, and cities and towns located in those counties.

Information Sources:

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